

which was adopted on the following division:—

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The House adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at eight o'clock.

After Routine proceedings.

THE SUPPLY BILL.

READ AND PASSED.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT introduced the Supply Bill. He said:—I am sorry, from unavoidable causes, the Supply Bill has not been printed and distributed here. However, I do not know that it contains anything new, and, therefore, I do not propose to weary the House with any full exposition of the subject matter it contains, other than to convey to the House the general conclusions that are developed in that Bill. The Estimate for the year is represented by a sum of \$23,669,000. Our expenditure during the last year of which we have any record, amounted to \$23,519,000. If we are enabled to keep within the limit that has been fixed in

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the Supply Bill, the expenditure next year will not exceed that of 1876-7 by a larger sum than \$150,000. Tho receipts for 1878-9 are estimated at \$23,850,000. Whether they will reach that sum or not I am unable to predict. Since 1874-5 the revenue has declined. Our exports and imports fell off in a marked degree, and we have suffered, in common with other countries over the world, from a great depression. Canada was not peculiar in that respect. In the Supply Bill that is now before the House, the amount asked for, in addition to the ordinary sums chargeable to consolidated revenue, is considerable. There is \$7,000,000 required for the redemption of bonds falling due in 1878-9, and which will, of course, be met in the usual way by issuing a corresponding amount. A considerable sum will be required to complete the canals of the country. It is hoped within another twelve months, if not the whole, at least the greater part of the expenditure required for the Welland Canal will have been reached, and that the charge on capital account in connection with that work will have been absolutely extinguished. A considerable sum appears in the Supply Bill in connection with the Pacific Railway, though, no doubt, the whole of it will not be expended. It is highly probable the Government, during the year, will ascertain how far the scheme laid down in 1874 will prove attractive to the capitalists of the world, whether they will be induced to tender for the construction of the road from Lake Superior to the Rocky Mountains, or probably to the Pacific Coast. I do not know that it is necessary for me to advert to any other points. I shall be very glad to answer any questions with regard to it. I move the second reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. MACPHERSON—Before the motion is carried I should like to say a few words upon the subject of the finances of the country. The hon. Secretary of State has told us what the Estimates amount to, and what he expects, according to the Estimates, the expenditure will be for the next fiscal year. The hon. gentleman attaches great importance to the Estimates, while I, on the other hand, know that estimates are what the word implies—merely an approximation